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ATF DIRECTOR JOHN W. MAGAW JOINS FEMA TEAM

WASHINGTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that John W. Magaw will be joining the Agency management team. Magaw, who currently serves as the director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), will work in the FEMA Director's office where he will plan and coordinate FEMA's domestic terrorism efforts.

"I am pleased John Magaw has agreed to join the FEMA team," said FEMA Director James Lee Witt. "I look forward to working with him as we continue refining our plans that deal with the consequences of any acts of domestic terrorism in the United States."

Magaw brings to his new position over 38 years of law enforcement service during which time he distinguished himself as an innovative leader. He completed a restructure at ATF and established a strategic plan that is used as a model by other law enforcement-related agencies. His changes to the agency also have resulted in the restoration of ATF's public image.

Before he was appointed ATF director, Magaw served as director of the United States Secret Service. Among his various assignments, he was in charge of all protective operations for the President of the United States and the First Family. He began his career in law enforcement as a trooper with the Ohio State Patrol.

Magaw was the recipient of the 1991 and 1999 Presidential Rank Meritorious Award and the 1995 Presidential Rank Distinguished Award. His signature of excellence has earned him the reputation of "senior statesman" within the law enforcement community. He brings to FEMA his unquestionable dedication, professionalism, and expertise.

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